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EXCALIBUR

**DÉJÀ VU...
ALL OVER
AGAIN!**



DONE
HERE
AFTER
ALAN
DAVIS

50
YEARS



OR
CAPTAIN AMERICA
1941 - 1991



IN NEW YORK CITY, YOU CAN'T STRETCH YOUR ARMS TO YAWN WITHOUT HITTING A SUPER HERO.

HERE IN LONDON, HOWEVER, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT.

NOTHING EARTH-SHAKING OR LIFE-THREATENING EVER SEEMS TO HAPPEN IN HER MAJESTY'S FAVORITE CITY.



AND ON THOSE FEW OCCASIONS WHEN YOU DESPERATELY NEED A COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER?

LEMMIE OUTTA HERE!

AFTER ME!

I SEEN WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO OF THEM GET TOGETHER UNDER THE SAME ROOF!

* EXCALIBUR # 28 -- ED

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT...



THERE'S NEVER ONE AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

GOOD-BYE, PUB. IT WAS FUN.

SLAM

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THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE SWASHBUCKLING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS, THEY HAVE Banded TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL! STAN LEE PRESENTS...

EXCALIBUR

"AT LAST...THE REUNION!"

MARK TWAIN ONCE SAID, "THE REPORTS OF MY DEATH HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED."

HAD MARK BEEN AN X-MAN, HE WOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THIS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

AS IN, EVERY OTHER DAY.

OR "THE OFFICE FURNITURE THAT ATE LONDON!"

EXCALIBUR CREATED BY CLAREMONT & DAVIS

FOR WASN'T IT ONLY YESTERDAY THAT THE BRITISH-BASED EXCALIBUR--

--WAS FOUNDED TO FILL THE VOID LEFT BY THE "DEATHS" OF THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS?

AH'D LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST.

LONG LIVE THE X-MEN!

SCOTT LOBDELL & DANA MOSESHEAD
STORY
DAVE MOYER & IVY E CANDELARIO
PICTURES
BILL OAKLEY OLIVER/THOMAS
LETTERS COLORS
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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, THEY ARE...

PSYLOCKE

STORM

WOLVERINE

PHOENIX

ROGUE

NIGHTCRAWLER

SHADOWCAT

MEGGAN

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

MARVEL GIRL

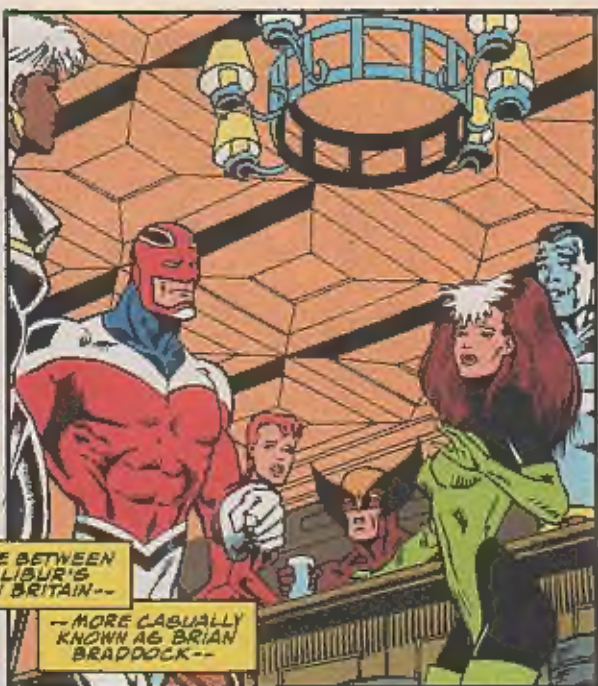




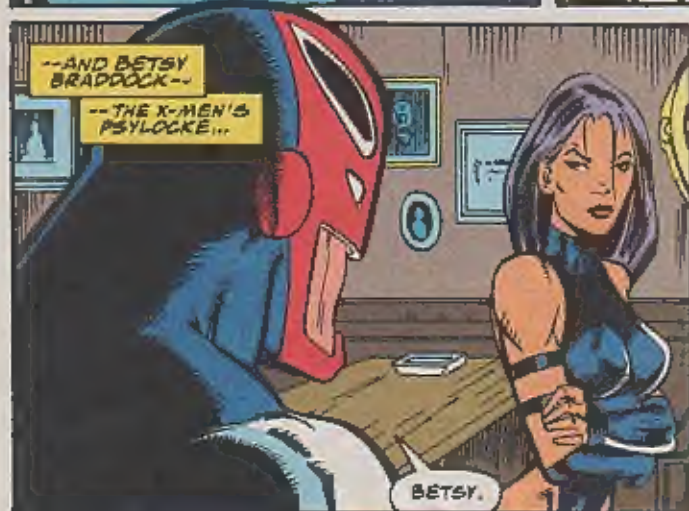


ANOTHER TENSE
MOMENT AT
THE PUB...

THIS ONE BETWEEN
EXCALIBUR'S
CAPTAIN BRITAIN--



--MORE CASUALLY
KNOWN AS BRIAN
BRADDOCK--



--AND BETSY
BRADDOCK--

--THE X-MEN'S
PSYLOCKE!--

BETSY.



...HIS SISTER.



BRIAN.





AT THAT MOMENT,
IN THE INTENSIVE
CARE WARD...

C'MON, LOCKHEED-- THE
DOCTORS DID THEIR BEST.*

YOU HAVE TO PULL
THROUGH...

...YOU'RE THE
ONLY FAMILY I
HAVE LEFT.

THAT'S NOT
NECESSARILY
TRUE...

* HE WAS INJURED IN
EXCALIBUR #37. --T.K.

IS IT,
"KITTEH"?

STORM,
LOOK, I'M
SORRY ABOUT
WHAT I SAID
IN THE PUB.

IT'S JUST...

IT'S JUST-- WHEN MY PARENTS CALLED
IT SPLIT, I COULDN'T HELP FEELING...
REJECTED.

AS IF BEING
A TEEN-AGE MUTANT
NINJA ISN'T
ALIENATING ENOUGH,
RIGHT?

WHEN I FOUND
OUT YOU WERE
ALIVE-- THAT YOU
HADN'T TOLD ME...*

* THE WHOLE WORLD
FOUND OUT IN
X-MEN #170. --T.K.

IT WAS AS IF YOUR
SURROGATE FAMILY
--THE X-MEN-- HAD
REJECTED YOU
AS WELL?

SIMSO.

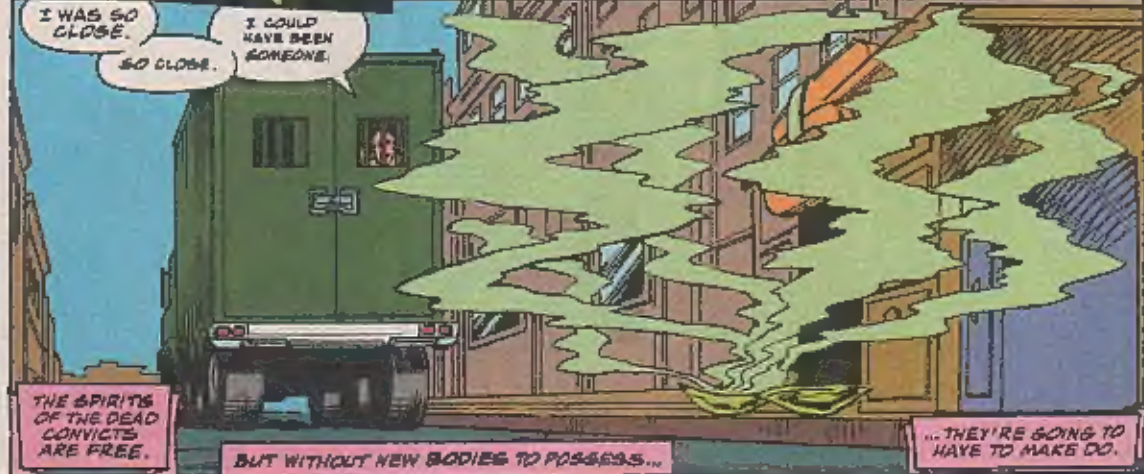
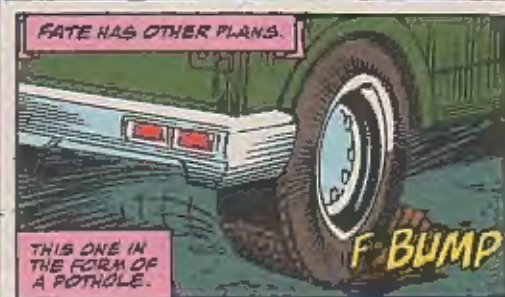
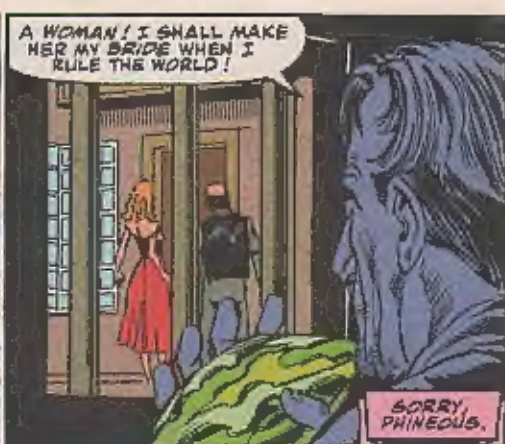
AS TEAM LEADER, I
BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY.
AS YOUR FRIEND, I ASK
FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.

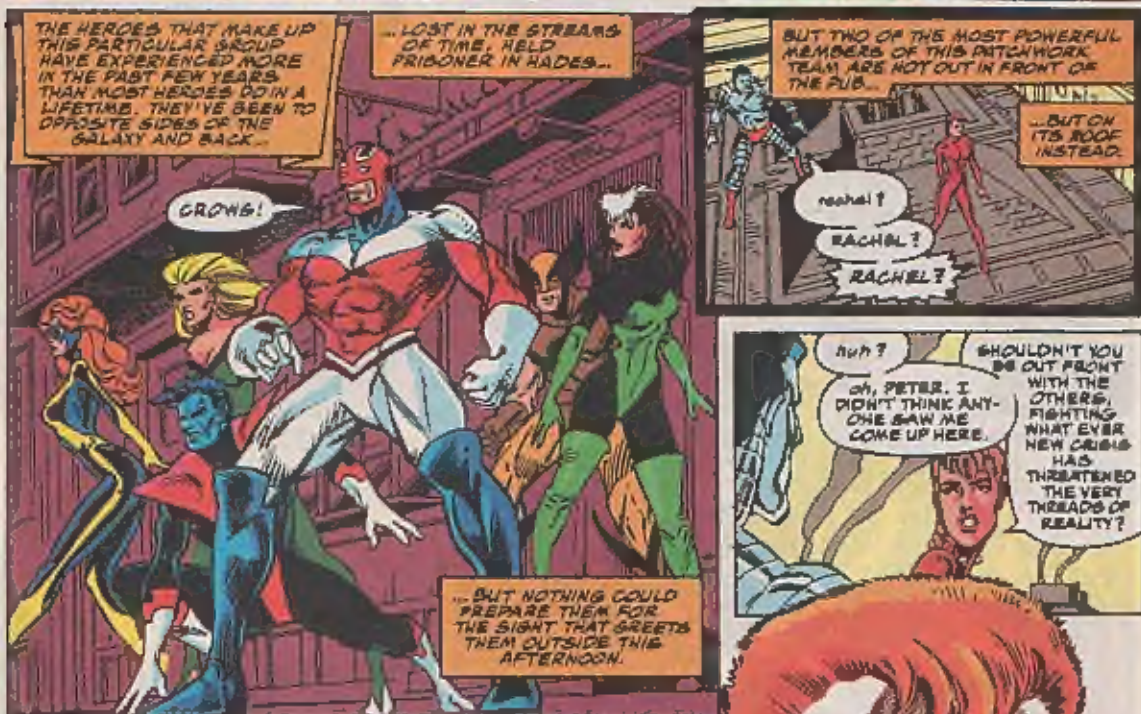
I CAN PROMISE THIS,
SHADOWCAT--

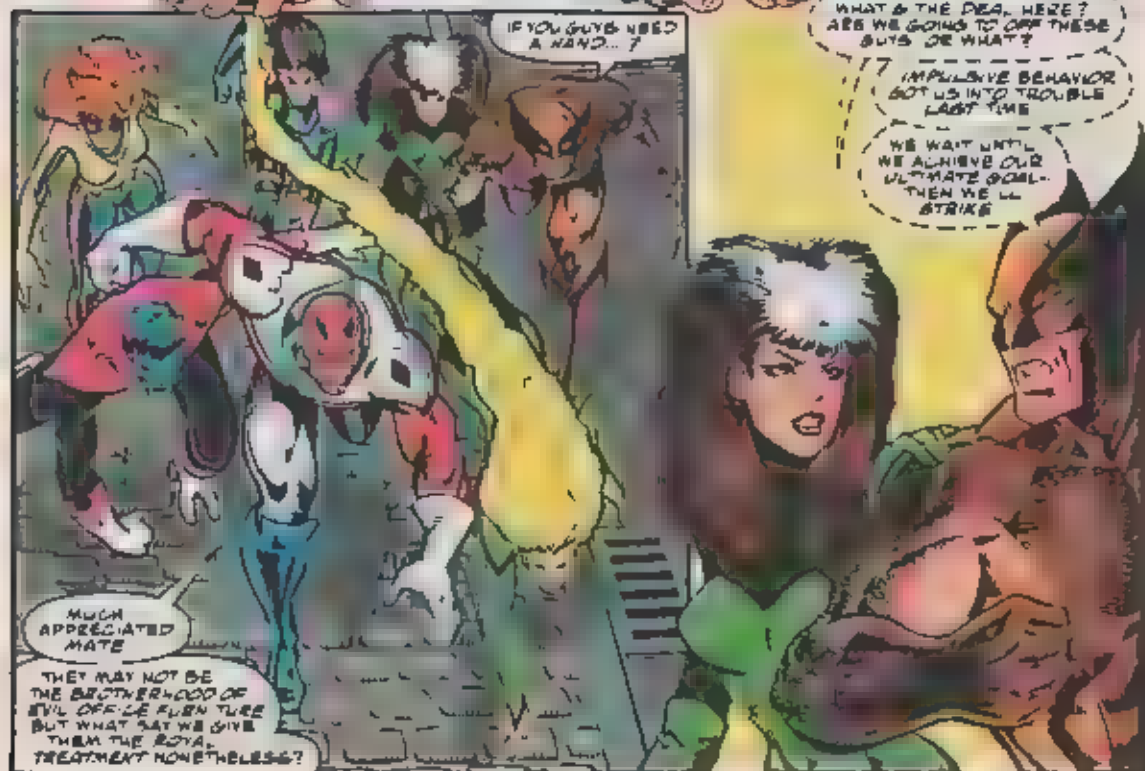
--WE'LL BE
TOGETHER...
FOR THE REST
OF YOUR
LIFE.

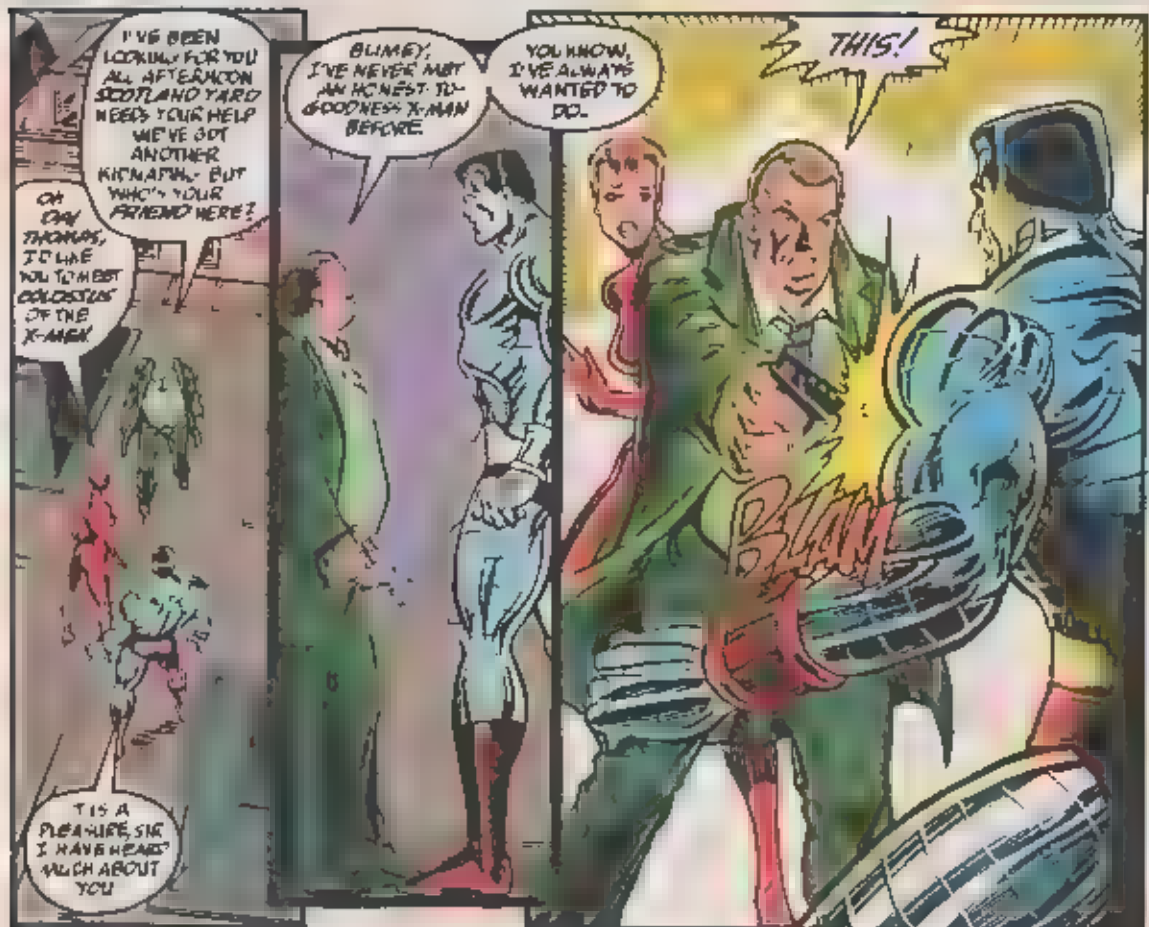
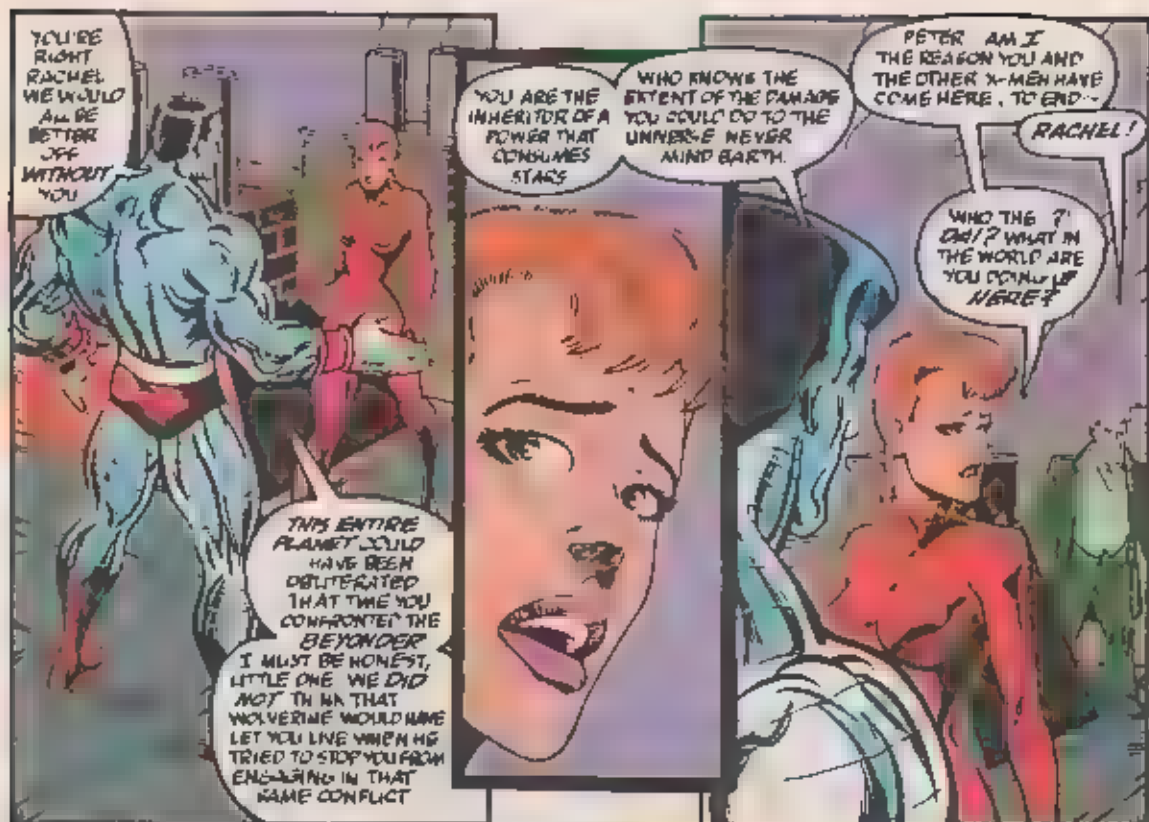
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WE MAKE
DECISIONS.
OCCASIONALLY,
THEY'RE WRONG.

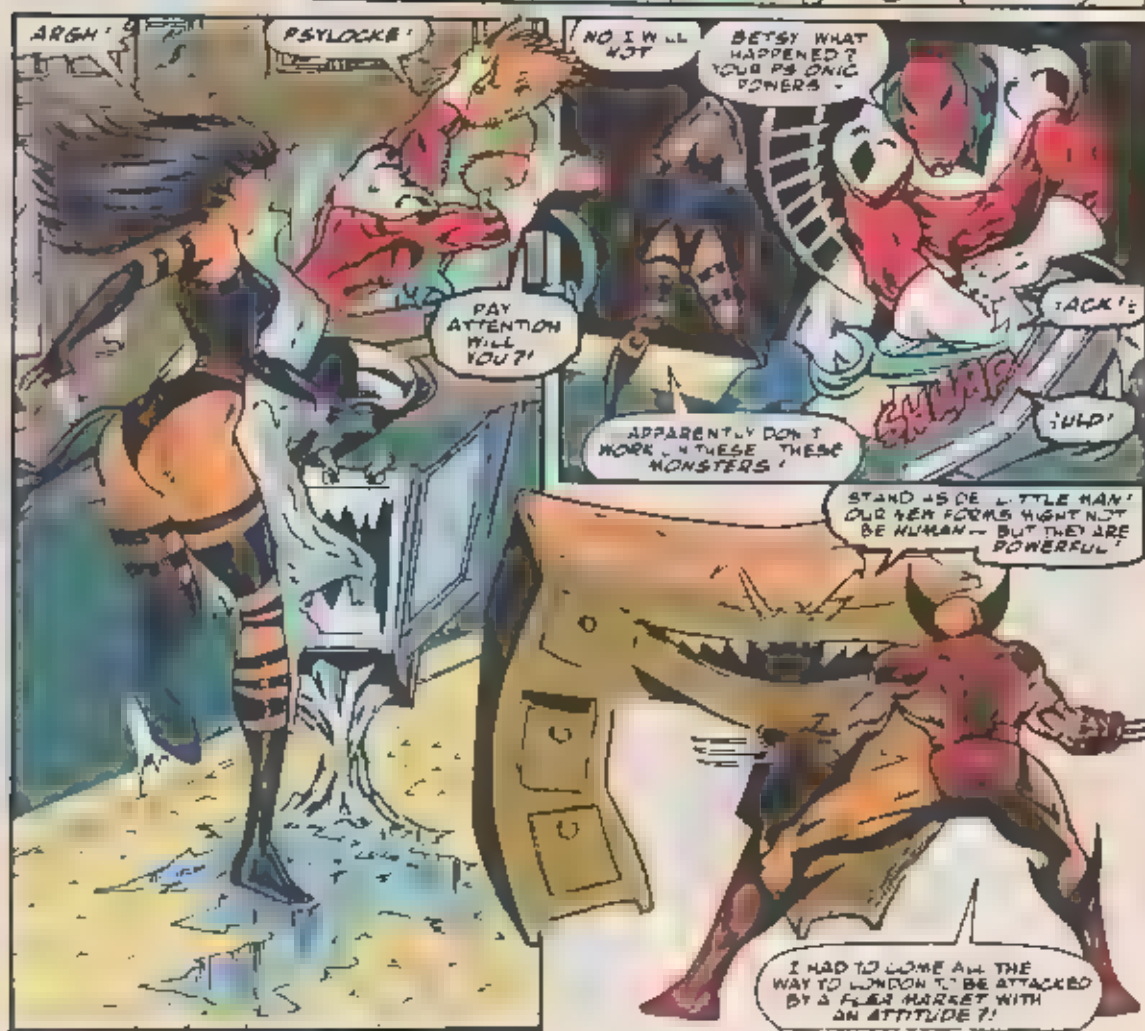
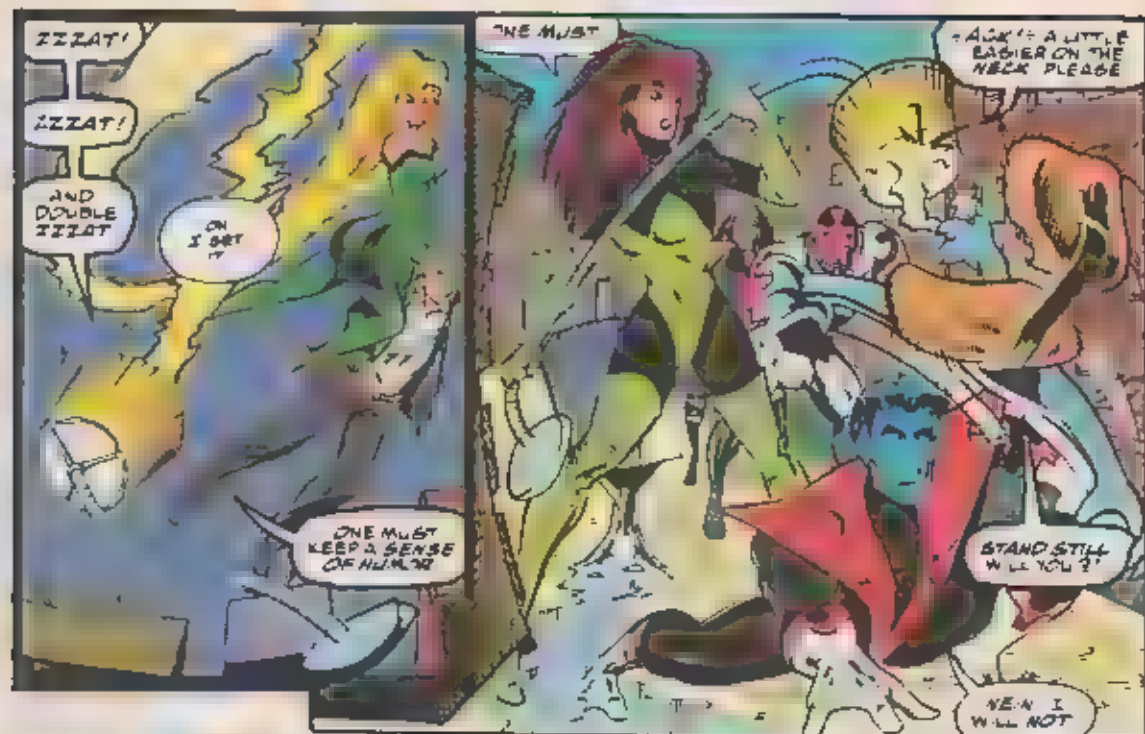
OF COURSE
I FORGIVE YOU,
ORORO! BUT
CAN WE
NOT DO
THIS AGAIN ANY
TIME SOON?

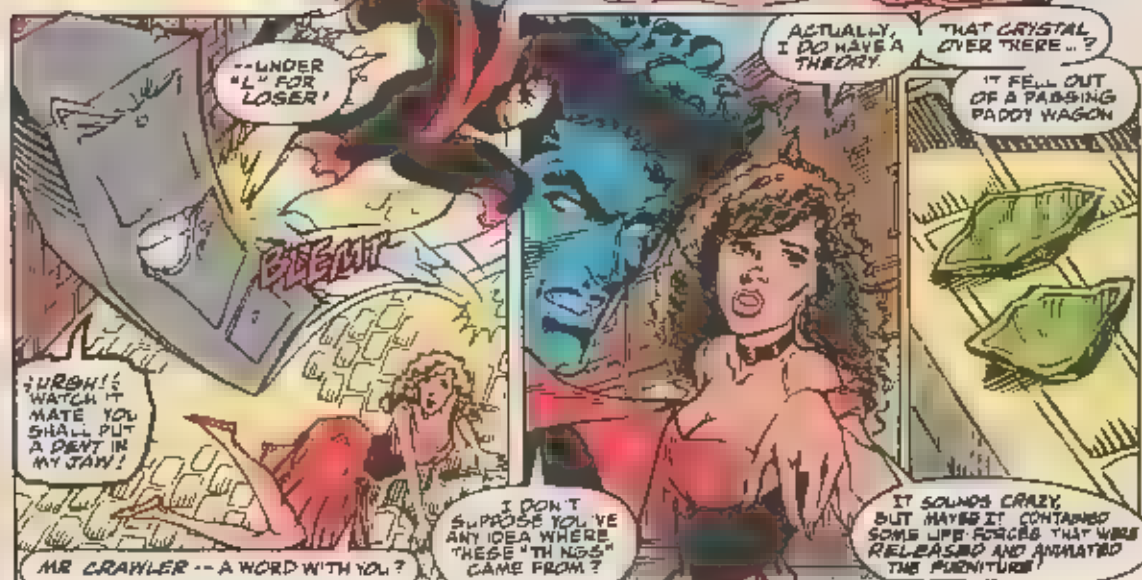
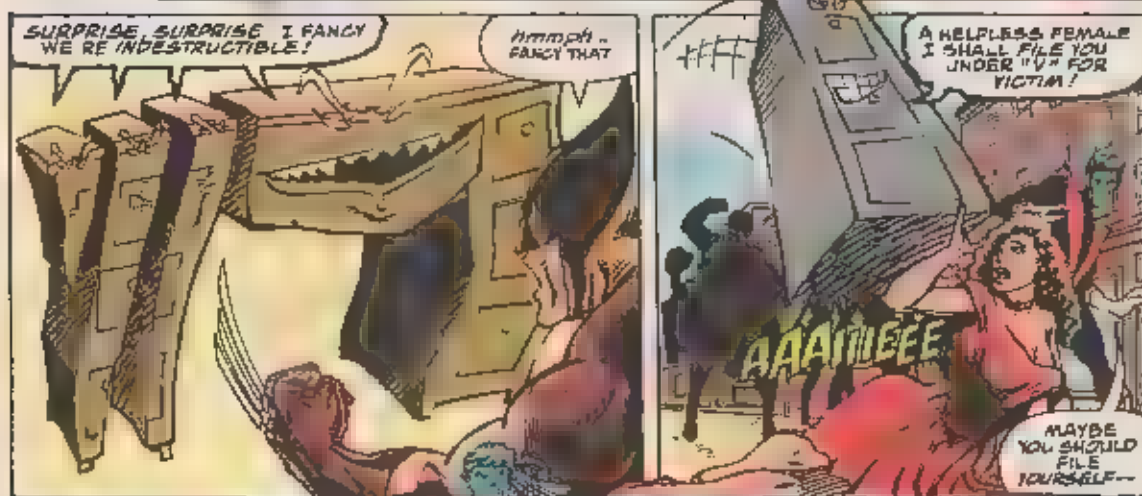
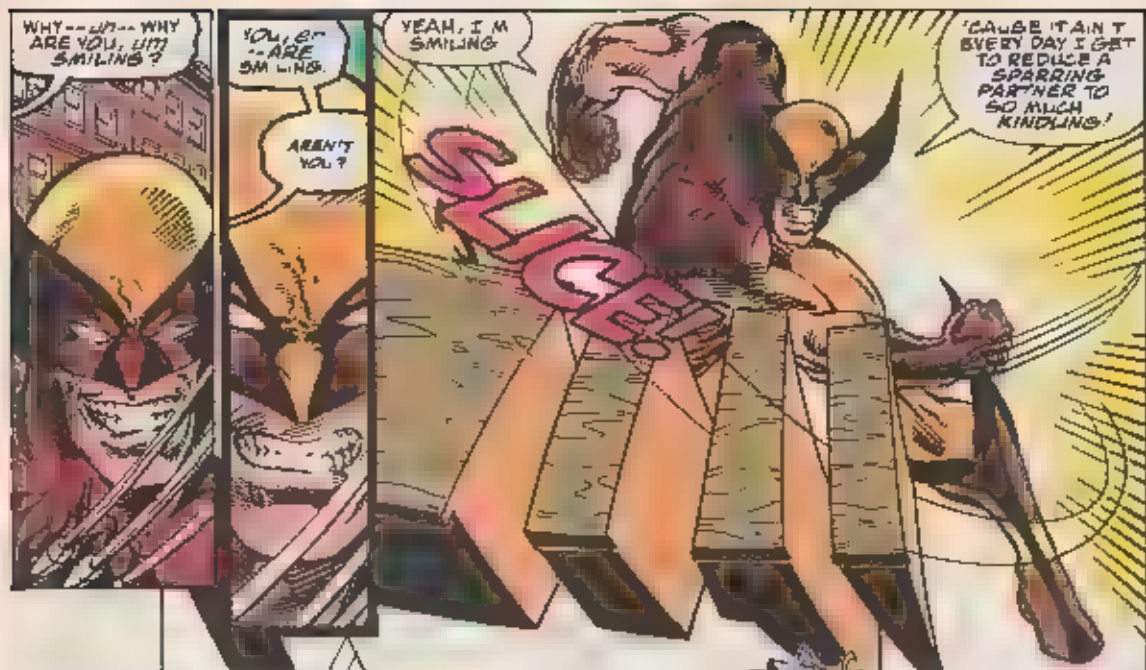


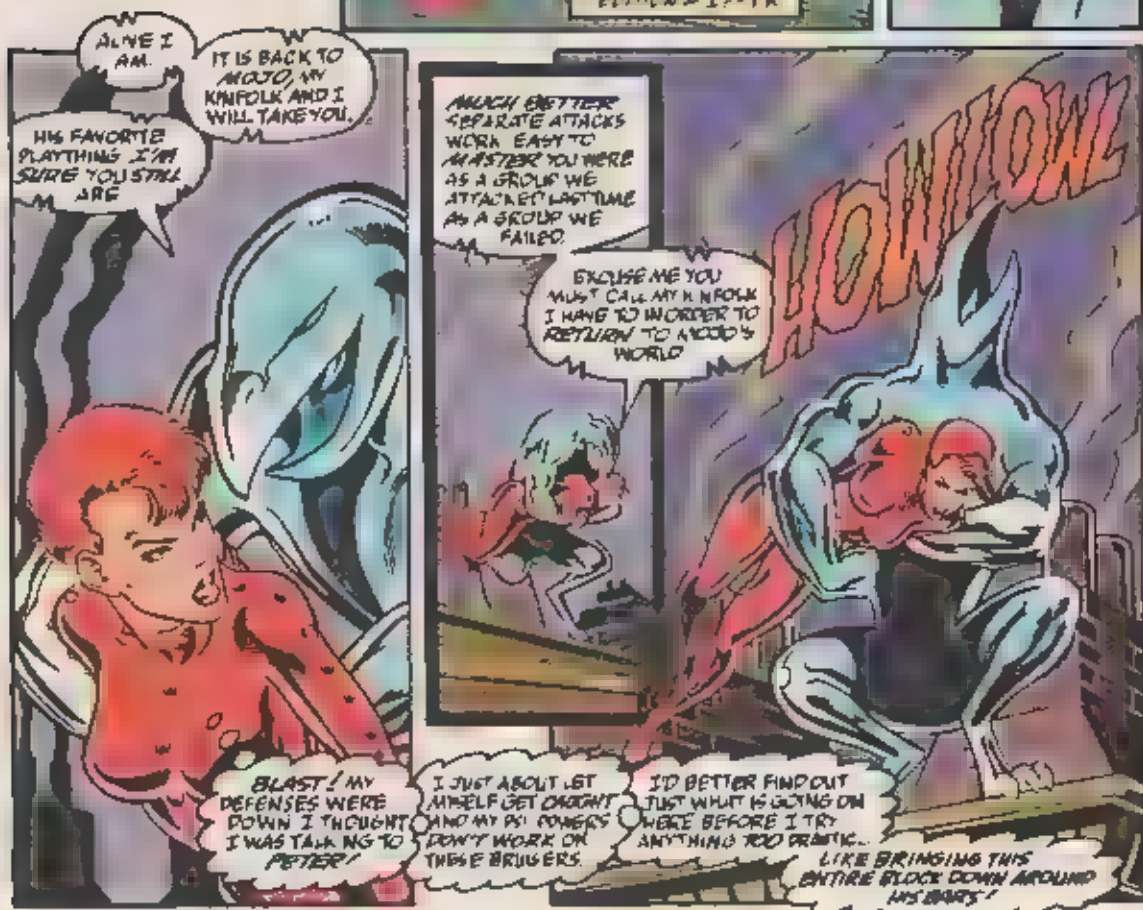
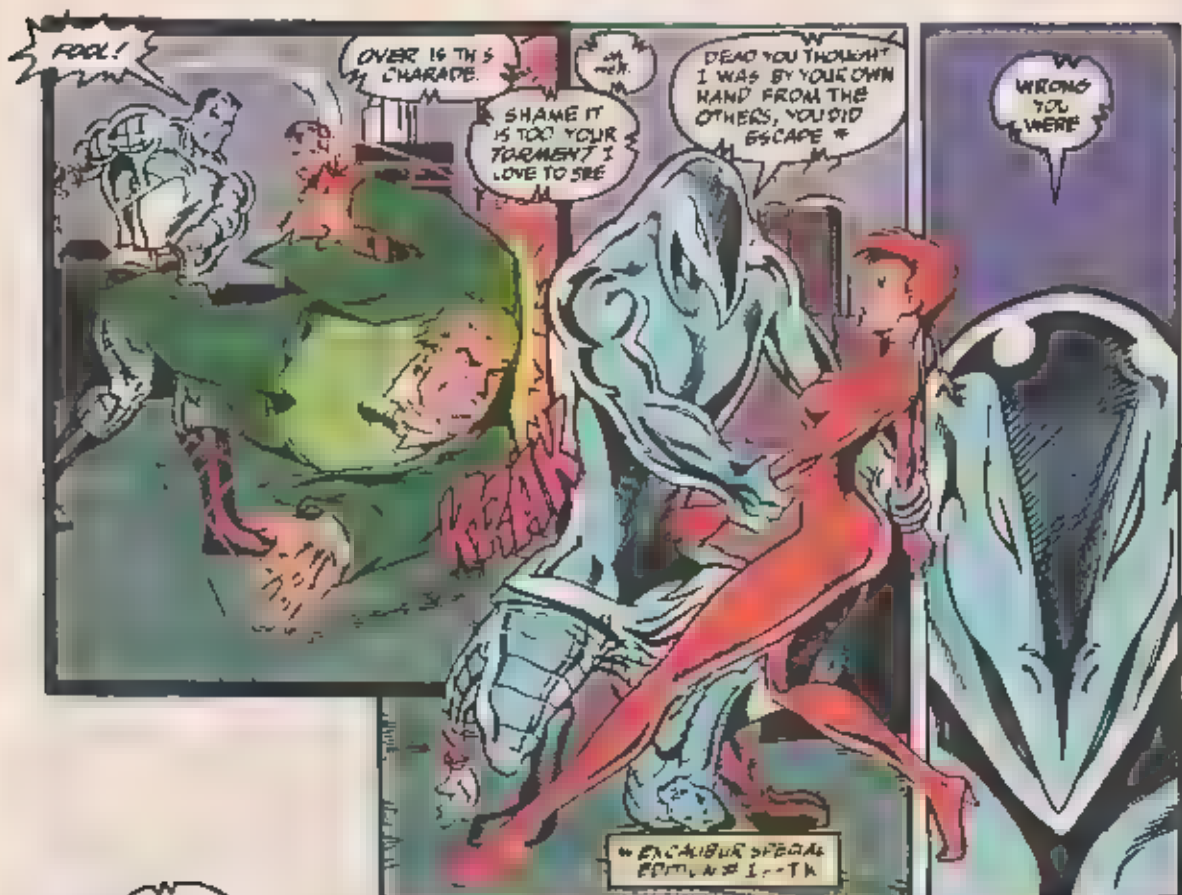


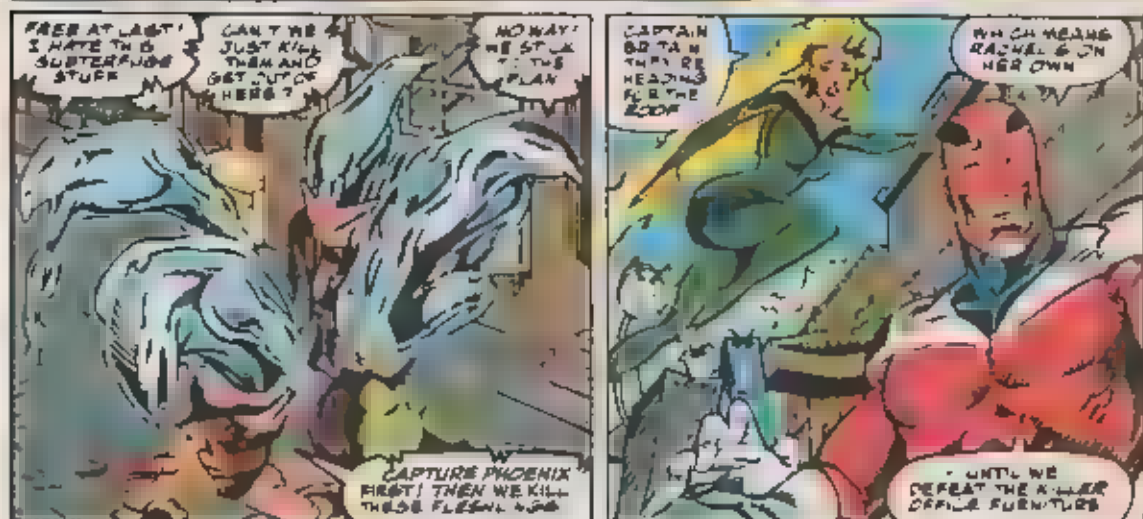
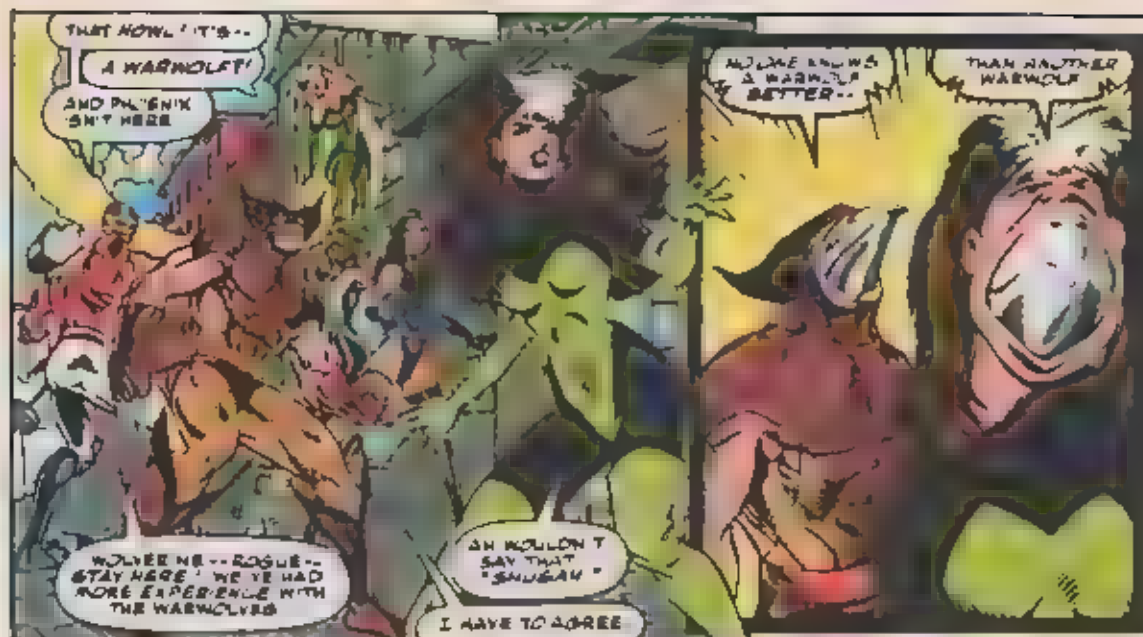


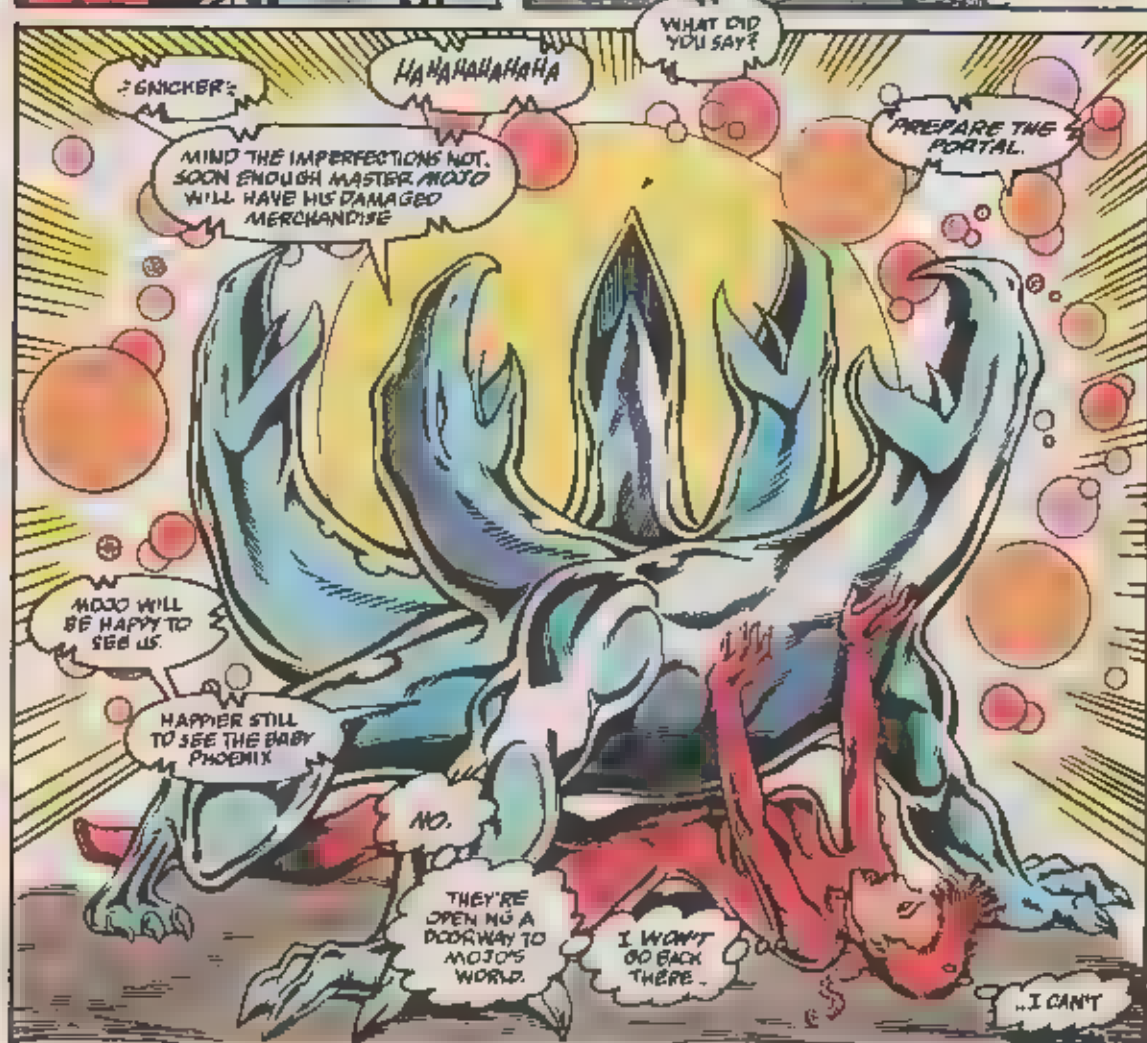


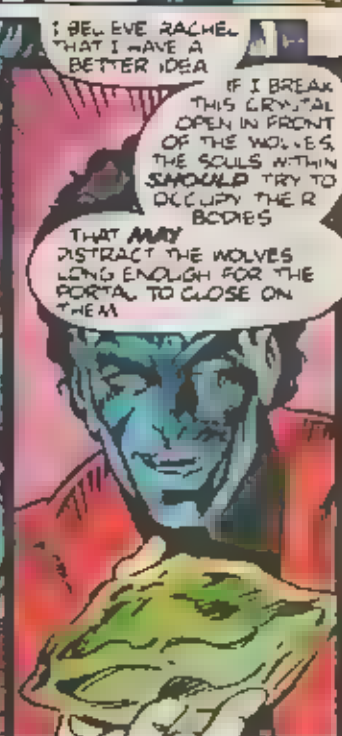
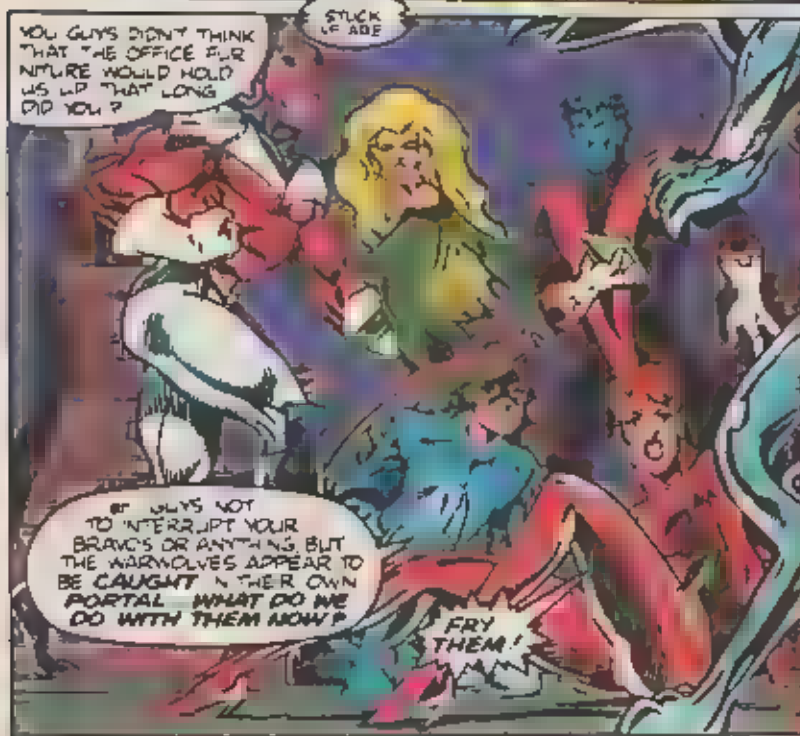
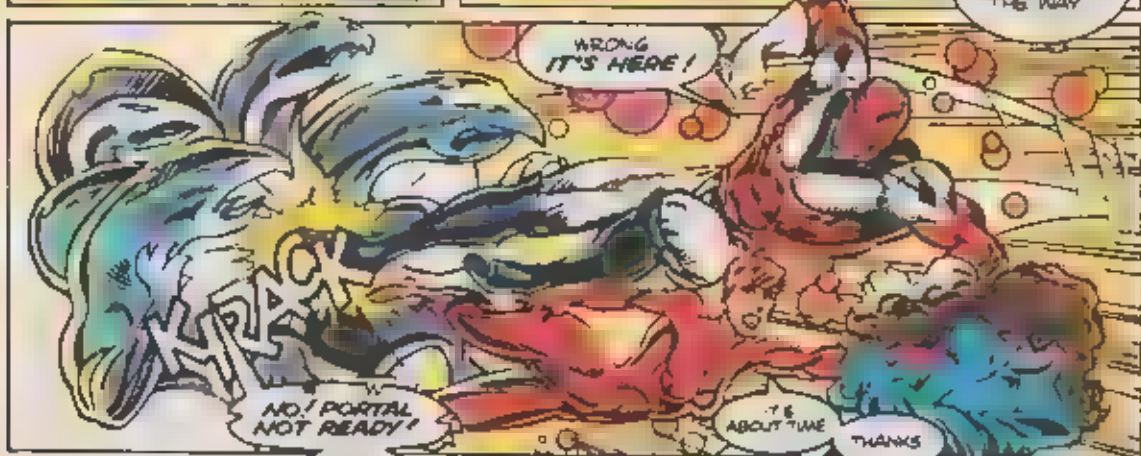
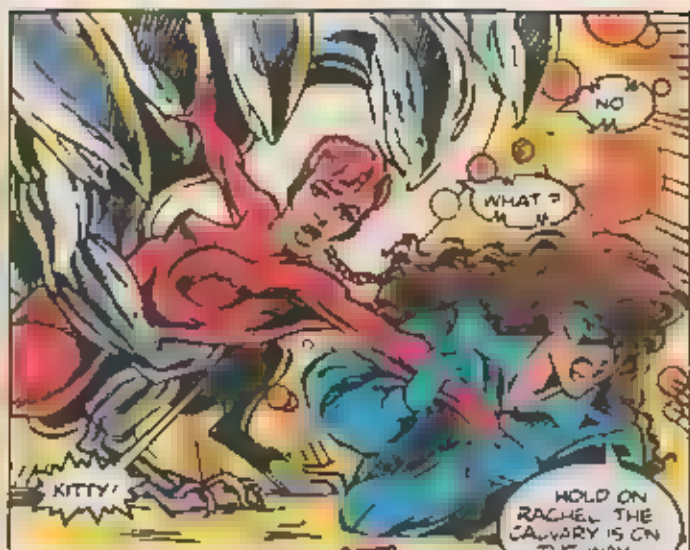
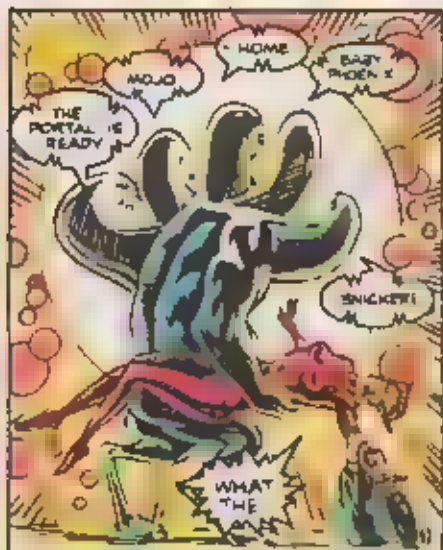


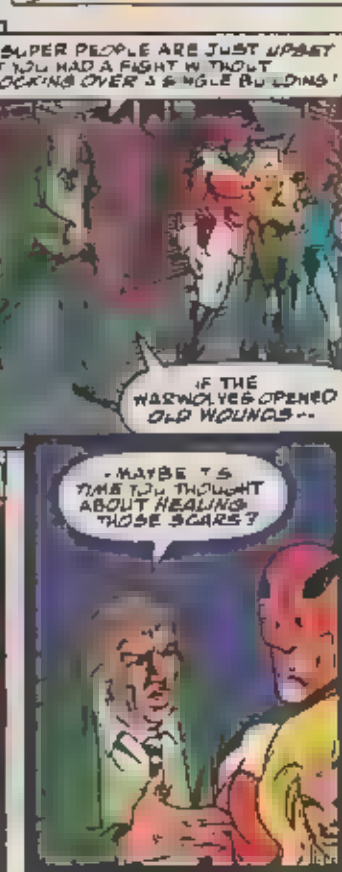
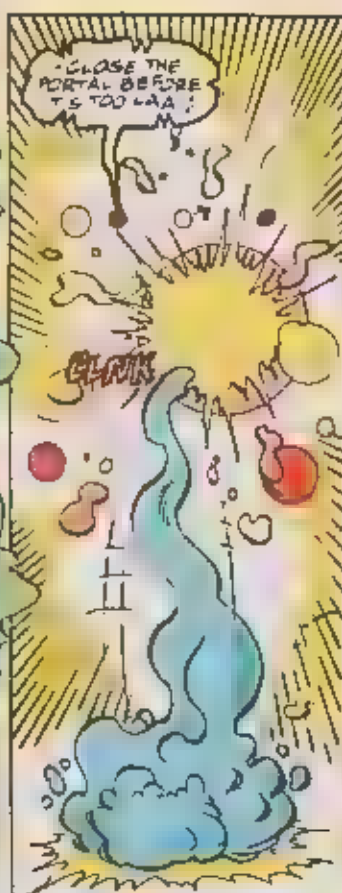
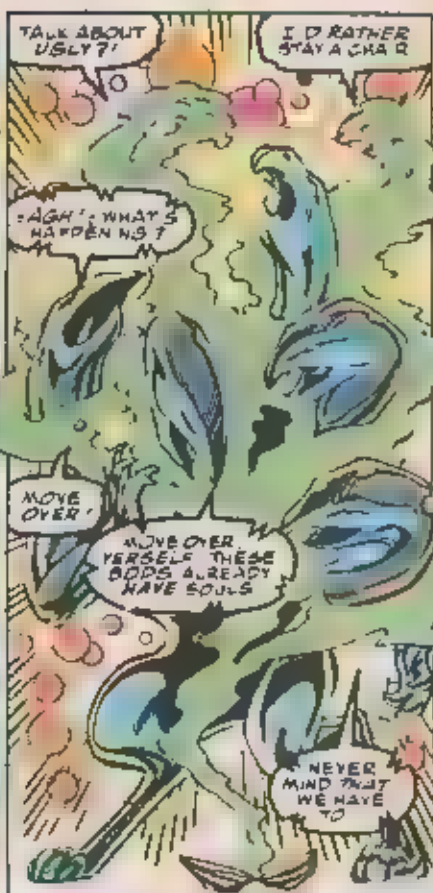
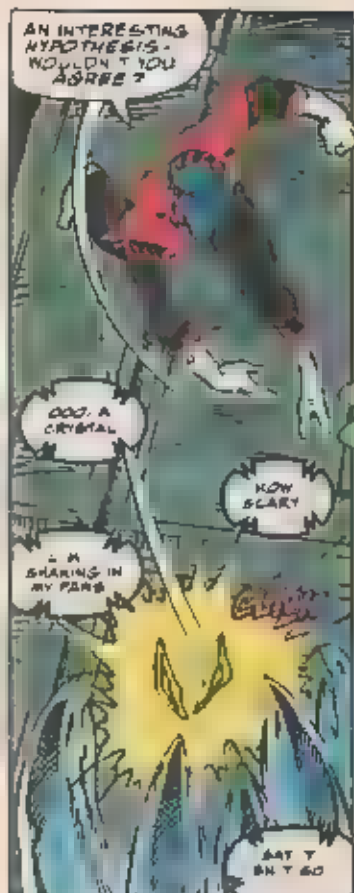












ONE WEEK PASSES, ENOUGH TIME FOR MOST TO RECUPERATE

NOT ENOUGH FOR ALL TO RECOVER.

LOCKHEED HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL NOT COMPLETELY HEALED FROM HIS SURGERY HE'S REMAINED UNDER WATCHFUL CARING EYES ALL WEEK

TODAY, THOSE EYES BELONG TO ALISTAIRE STUART, WHO IS GETTING THE LOWDOWN ON THE WEREWOLVES FIRST HAND FROM INSPECTOR THOMAS

--LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD A HARD TIME FINDING X-LOOK-A-LIKES

THE STOREHOUSE THEY WERE USING AS A HIDEAWAY HAD CORPSES STREWN ALL ABOUT THE PLACE

CORPSES AND FABRIC.

FABRIC?

YEAH LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE WOLVES MADE THE COSTUMES FROM SCRATCH.

THEY WERE THOROUGH, I'LL GIVE THEM THAT THEY HAD ALL SORTS OF REFERENCE THERE TOO

ANY X-MAN RELATED PHOTOS OR NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS...

...ANYTHING.

THEY HAD REELS OF NEWS FOOTAGE FROM THE GENOSHAN CRISIS!

SAINTS.

ALISTAIRE, TELL ME SOMETHING, AND IT'S NOT THAT I CARE OR ANYTHING, BECAUSE I DON'T

ARE THEY GOING TO BE OKAY?

I THINK SO DAD.

I REALLY DO

RACHEL SUMMERS HAS NOT FELT COMFORTABLE AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THIS WEEK...

...MOSTLY BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HERSELF.

SHE HAS STOOD ATOP THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS. THE POWER OF THE PHOENIX PROTECTING HER FROM THE COLD WIND THAT WHIPS OFF THE OCEAN.

SHE CAME UP HERE TO GATHER HER THOUGHTS AND TRY TO FIND SOME ANSWERS.

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HER THOUGHTS ARE STILL SCATTERED...

...SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHY SHE DID NOT TELL HER TEAMMATES ABOUT THE X-MEN'S RESURRECTION WHEN SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT ALMOST A YEAR AGO.

WAS SHE SCARED?

WAS SHE AFRAID THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE TO JOIN THEIR FORMER TEAMMATES?

OR DID SHE JUST FORGET?

SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN SHE RUNS INTO THE REAL WOLVERINE.

IS IT BECAUSE SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT SHE WILL DO?

A CHILL FROM THE OCEAN CRAWLS ACROSS HER.

RACHEL HAD HOPED TO FIND SOME ANSWERS.

WHAT SHE DISCOVERED INSTEAD...

...WAS THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HER LIFE...

...AND THERE IS NO SOLACE FOR HER IN THAT.

OR BECAUSE SHE KNOWS WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF DOING?



AND INSIDE...

CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND MEGAN SETTLE DOWN AFTER SPENDING THE MORNING IN THE TRAINING ROOM.

- BUT, BRIAN, YOU WERE SO UPSET ABOUT HER WHEN SHE DIED, HOW COULD YOU ACCEPT HER COMING BACK SO EASILY?

I'M BEGINNING TO BELIEVE THAT IN THE END, ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS IS FAMILY.

I MEAN, SHE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE HERSELF

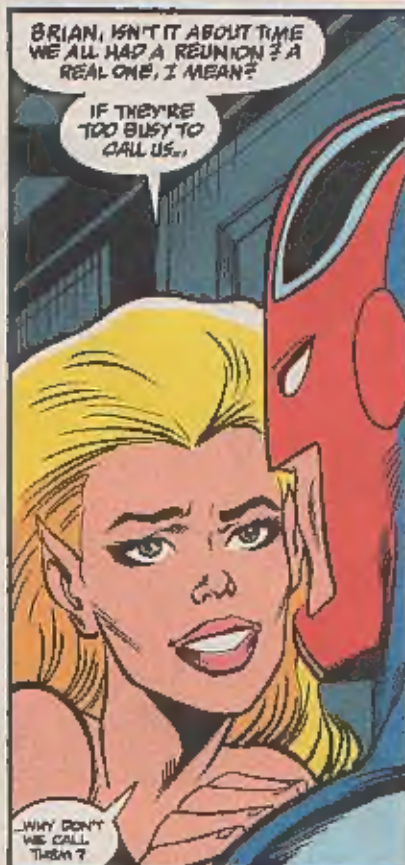
MEGGAN, PEOPLE CHANGE. MYSELF INCLUDED.

I'VE PRETENDED THAT I WAS DEAD.

I THINK IT'S A PREREQUISITE OF BEING A SUPERHERO. THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN GET SOME TIME OFF, IT SEEMS, IS TO 'DIE'.

SHE'S MY SISTER..

...AND I MISS HER.



BRIAN, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE ALL HAD A REUNION? A REAL ONE, I MEAN?

IF THEY'RE TOO BUSY TO CALL US...

WHY DON'T WE CALL THEM?



LET'S GO GET THE OTHERS.

MEGGAN, SOMETIMES YOU AMAZE ME.

Giggle

AND SO THEY DO..



ARE YOU SURE WE WANT TO DO THIS, FUZZY?

SOMEONE MUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP, KATZCHEN.

JA, I'D LIKE TO MEET THEM FACE-TO-FACE -- TO EMBRACE THE FRIENDS WE BELIEVED TO BE DEAD.

BUT OUR TEAMS ARE A WORLD APART.

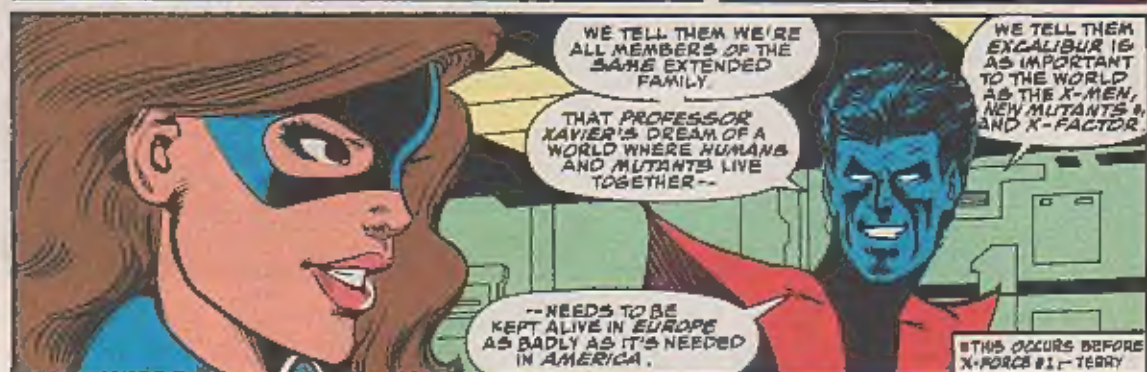
BEFORE YOU "PHONE" THEM...



WHAT DO WE SAY WHEN -- IF -- THEY ASK US TO COME BACK... TO RE-JOIN THE X-MEN?

THAT'S SIMPLE.

WE TELL THEM WHAT'S IN OUR HEARTS.



WE TELL THEM WE'RE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SAME EXTENDED FAMILY.

THAT PROFESSOR XAVIER'S DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE HUMANS AND MUTANTS LIVE TOGETHER --

-- NEEDS TO BE KEPT ALIVE IN EUROPE AS BADLY AS IT'S NEEDED IN AMERICA.

WE TELL THEM EXCALIBUR IS AS IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD AS THE X-MEN, NEW MUTANTS, AND X-FACTOR.

THIS OCCURS BEFORE X-FORCE #1 - TERRY



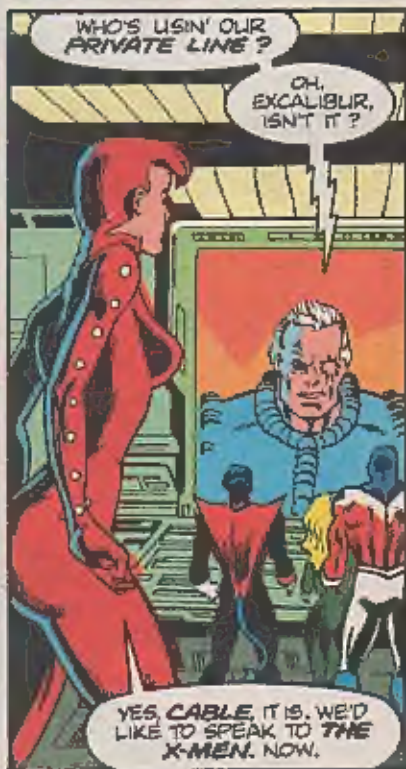
THAT, AND WE KNOW HOW TO SPELL OUT AN ENTIRE WORD.

BRIAN, MEGGAN -- I GUESS WE ALL HAD THE SAME IDEA.

IT'S THREE IN THE MORNING THERE. SHOULDN'T WE WAIT?



NAAAAH!



WHO'S USIN' OUR PRIVATE LINE?

OH, EXCALIBUR, ISN'T IT?

YES, CABLE, IT IS. WE'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE X-MEN. NOW.

IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU GUYS
CALLED!

HOLD THE
PHONE-- I'LL
TRANSFER YOU...



THE LIVING SPIRIT
OF ENGLAND.

A SHAPE-SHIFTING
ELEMENTAL.

THE CELESTIAL
AVATAR.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE
INTANGIBLE ADOLESCENT.

A SWASHBUCKLING,
TELEPORTING ROGUE
AND GENTLEMAN.

TOGETHER, THEY HONOR THE
LEGEND OF ANCIENT BRITAIN'S
SACRED BLADE.

TODAY AND FOREVER--
THEY ARE... EXCALIBUR!

NEXT ISSUE: THE LEGEND BEGINS ANEW, WHEN
EXCALIBUR CO-CREATOR ALAN DAVIS RETURNS
AS WRITER AND PENCILER! AND THIS TIME... WE
MEAN IT! REALLY, HONEST.